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COHEN IMPLICATES TRUMP IN PLEA DEAL

New York: President's ex-lawyer says he was directed to pay women hush money

By Larry Neumeister and Tom Hays
The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer and fixer, pleaded guilty Tuesday to campaign finance violations and other charges, saying Trump directed him to arrange the payment of hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy model to influence the election.

Cohen's account appears to implicate Trump himself in a crime, though whether — or when — a president can be prosecuted remains a matter of legal dispute.

The guilty plea was part of a double dose of bad news for Trump: It came at almost the same moment his former campaign chairman Paul Manafort was convicted in Alexandria, Virginia, of eight financial crimes in the first trial to come out of special counsel Robert Mueller's sprawling Russia investigation.

In a deal reached with federal prosecutors, Cohen, 51, pleaded guilty to eight counts, including tax evasion. He could get about four to five years in prison at sentencing Dec. 12.

In entering the plea, Cohen did not name the two women or even Trump, recounting

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ABOVE: Michael Cohen, center, leaves federal court in New York on Tuesday after pleading guilty to charges that included campaign finance fraud stemming from hush money payments to porn actress Stormy Daniels and ex-Playboy model Karen McDougal.

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A courtroom sketch depicts Paul Manafort listening to U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis III in federal court in Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday.

Virginia: Manafort guilty of 8 charges in fraud trial

By Sharon Lafraniere
The New York Times

ALEXANDRIA, VA. » Paul Manafort, President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, was convicted Tuesday in his financial fraud trial, bringing a dramatic end to a politically charged case that riveted the capital.

The verdict was a victory for the special counsel, Robert Mueller, whose prosecutors introduced extensive evidence that Manafort hid millions of dollars in foreign accounts to evade taxes and lied to banks repeatedly to obtain $20 million in loans.

Manafort was convicted of five counts of tax fraud, two counts of bank fraud and one count of failure to disclose a foreign bank account. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on the remaining 10 counts, and the judge declared a mistrial on those charges.

Kevin Downing, a lawyer for Manafort, said his client was "evaluating all of his options at this point."

Jason Maloni, Manafort's spokesman, said, "We expect to appeal." Peter Carr, a spokesman for Mueller's office, declined to comment.

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ANAHEIM

Disney ending tax deals with city

Company cites divisiveness over agreements that would have netted company millions of dollars

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Days after halting plans for a luxury hotel in the Anaheim Resort district, Disney officials are dissolving agreements that would have channeled millions of dollars in hotel room taxes to the company and barred the city from adding a gate tax to amusement park tickets for decades.

Disneyland Resort President Josh D'Amaro asked city leaders in a Tuesday letter to end the incentive agreements because they've become "a flash point for controversy and dissension in our community."

Disney officials met with the city Tuesday to make the request, which the City Council could act on as soon as next week, Anaheim spokesman Mike Lyster said.

"I thought it was a good and bold move" by Disney, said Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait, who has opposed tax subsidy agreements with developers. "It's hitting the reset button, and it's a shift in how Disney looks at its host city."

The announcement comes a little more than two months before the Nov. 6 election, when Anaheim voters will decide a ballot measure incrementally raising the minimum wage to $18 an hour by 2022 for workers at hotels and entertainment businesses that have received tax incentives from the city. Under one of the agreements Disney seeks to end, the company would get $267 million over 20 years from the taxes

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Plans for new offshore oil drilling spur public forums

Concerned about plans by the Trump administration to open new offshore leases, environmentalists and community leaders will hold a series of public meetings throughout the region. PAGE A3

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Cage-free Animal Crackers

The company that makes Animal Crackers has redesigned the box so it no longer looks like the lions, elephants and other creatures are behind bars. BUSINESS A15

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Coal battle heats up

The Trump administration wants to set lower goals for reducing greenhouse pollution from fossil fuel power plants. A federal report suggests the new rules could cost 1,400 lives a year. PAGE A6

CRIME

Golden State Killer case will play out in a Sacramento County courtroom

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The prosecution of Joseph DeAngelo is one of the largest criminal cases in California history. He is charged with 13 killings, more than 50 rapes and 100-plus burglaries during a dozen years starting in 1974.

Prosecutors from across state agree to consolidate all charges into one trial

By Sean Emery
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SANTA ANA » The case of the man accused of being the Golden State Killer will play out in one consolidated trial in a Sacramento County courtroom, a half-dozen prosecutors announced in a unified front on Tuesday during an Orange County news conference.

An amended complaint filed against Joseph DeAngelo on Tuesday in Sacramento Superior Court adds 13 felony counts of kidnapping to commit robbery for crimes in Northern California and a variety of sentencing enhancements while consolidating into the case the 13 counts of murder he was already charged with in six counties.

The prosecution of DeAngelo, who authorities say carried out a wave of terror that included at least 13 killings, more than 50 rapes and 100-plus burglaries across California during a dozen years beginning in 1974, is one of the largest criminal cases in California history.

A joint prosecution by six district attorneys' offices is also unprecedented.

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